

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A safety handle for attachment to a piling, said safety handle comprising:

a base member constructed of a flexible sheet of material, said base member further defined as having a front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge;

a handgrip secured to said back surface;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, each strap is adapted to extend around a piling;

whereby said base member is secured to a piling by use of said straps wherein said handgrip is available for use in entry and exiting of a boat.

2. The safety handle according to claim 1 including wood engaging members positioned along said front surface of said base member.

3. The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said base member and said hand grip are plastic.

4. The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said base member and said hand grip are wood.

1 5. The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said base
2 member and said handgrip are integrally formed.

3 6. The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein a proximal
4 end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base
5 member with a distal end of each said strap is available for
6 insertion through a through a slot-like opening located on said
7 second edge after said strap is encircled around a piling.

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9 7. The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said strap
10 is of a length sufficient to encircle a piling between 6 inches and
11 20 inches.

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13 8. The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said hand
14 grip includes a photoluminescent material for storing light energy
15 whereby said hand grip will glow in darkness.

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17 9. The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein said hand
18 grip includes a receptacle sized to receive a chemiluminescent
19 light stick whereby said hand grip will glow in darkness.

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21 10. The safety handle according to claim 1 wherein a
22 proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of
23 said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available
24 for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second

1 edge after said strap is encircled around a piling.

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5 11. A method for attaching a safety handle to a piling
6 comprising:

7 providing a base member constructed of flexible material
8 having a front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and
9 a bottom edge with a first and second side edge;

10 securing to a handgrip to said back surface;

11 attaching a proximal end of a strap to a first side edge of
12 said base member, said strap being of a length sufficient to
13 encircle a piling;

14 fastening a distal end of said strap to a second side edge of
15 said base member;

16 pulling said strap taut to securely position said base member
17 against said piling;

18 whereby said handgrip is available for use in entry and
19 exiting of a boat.